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Re: Docket No. 00-00041 - Petition to implement new and increase existing
late payment charges

Dear Patrick:

You will note that Tennessee consumers filing of this date promulgated discovery request 23 which requests BellSouth to describe the operation of the proposed tariff as a service. The data request provides:

23. If BellSouth changed it[s] position from one in which the proposed late payment charge was not a service or now relies upon the interim decision that the proposed late payment charge is a service please describe how the service will operate, including but not limited to, how long the service will permit a consumer to continue to be served or provide "float," what types of reporting will be made to credit reporting agencies regarding the period the service is in effect and whether payment of the charge alone will permit the continuation of service and the particular language of the tariff pertaining to any operational features.

In order to assure that Bellsouth does not unduly limit its response, we advise that a complete description will also describe how, or if the the service will be resold on a stand alone, non-discriminatory basis under federal law (see Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996) and how a reseller can purchase the service in combination with other services.

If you have any further questions regarding our filings, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Vincent Williams".

L. Vincent Williams
Deputy Attorney General

cc: Gary R. Hotvedt, Esq.
Hearing Officer

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